

of medical compensation as contained in K.S.A. 1997 Supp. 44-534a. See Rembold v. R. Vickers Trucking, Inc., Docket No. 223,206 (September 1997).

The preliminary hearing statute found in K.S.A. 1997 Supp. 44-534a, gives the administrative law judge authority to grant or deny medical treatment pending the conclusion of a full hearing on the claim. Therefore, at this juncture of the proceedings, the Appeals Board finds it does not have jurisdiction to review the Administrative Law Judge's finding denying claimant's request for a change of the authorized treating physician.

WHEREFORE, it is the finding, decision, and order of the Appeals Board that the claimant's appeal is dismissed and Administrative Law Judge Robert H. Foerschler's Preliminary Decision dated December 10, 1998, remains in full force and effect.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this ____ day of January 1999.

BOARD MEMBER

c: William L. Phalen, Pittsburg, KS
D'Ambra Howard, Overland Park, KS
Robert H. Foerschler, Administrative Law Judge
Philip S. Harness, Director